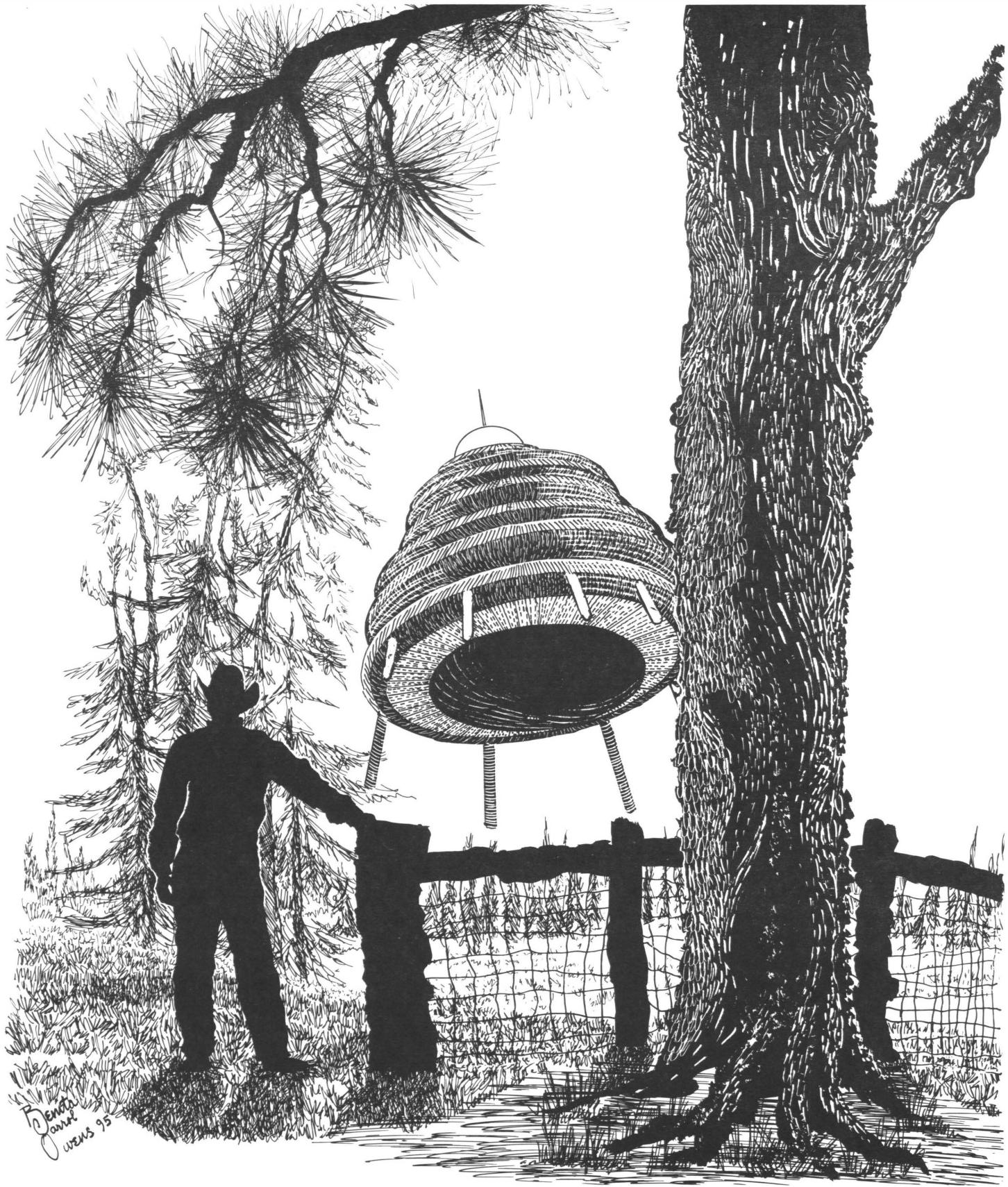


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FROM THE EDITOR
by Allan J. Manak

What makes this encounter with an unknown object so unique is first: Nowhere in my personal files do I have a similar sighting or have I ever come across such a case in 48 years of reading and researching this enigma, and second: The way I came into possession of the actual documents from the eye witness account given to the news media.

The encounter: It occurred at approximately 5 p.m. on Monday, December 21, 1964. Mr. Horace Burns, living in Grottoes, VA, and conducting a small gun shop business on North Main Street in Harrisburg, VA, was driving his 1958 Mercury station wagon a few miles east of Staunton, VA, on Route 250 toward Waynesboro, VA, when he observed a huge metallic object coming out of the sky north of the highway. As the object crossed Route 250 about 200 feet ahead of him, his engine stopped dead, "conked out," as he tells it, and his car seemed to come to an unnaturally quick stop.

The object landed "like a bubble" in a small meadow at a spot about 100 yards from the highway. Mr. Burns guided his car to the side of the road, got out and stood beside his car and stared in amazement at the spectacle. What he saw resembled in shape to an upside-down toy top, but the size of the unknown thing was astounding. "It was about 125 feet in diameter, at least, and 80 to 90 feet high," he said. And besides being generally cone-shaped, its circular, sloping sides rose in about 6 large concentric convolutions that decreased in diameter to a dome at the top.

Although Burns could not be sure of the exact nature of the material of which it was made, it appeared to be metallic. He noted that around the base of the object there was a "bluish glow" in a band about a foot or 18 inches wide. He could see no windows, doors, portholes, or even seams anywhere on the object. Nor did there seem to be any sort of landing gear; the vehicle had gently settled flat on its bottom. Although he noticed that the object's underside was slightly curved.

The unknown object rested on the ground for from 60 to 90 seconds and then with a "whoosh," the craft suddenly rose straight up for several hundred feet and immediately took off in a northeasterly direction at a speed much greater than when the object seemed to land.

After it was out of sight, Mr. Burns got into his car and was surprised to find when he pressed the starter button, the car started at once. As he drove away he was evidently very excited, for he could not recall seeing other vehicles coming or going on Route 250.

Horace Burns went home and told his wife what he had seen, but said he would not tell anyone else. "They'd think I'm crazy," he said.

Mrs. Burns convinced her husband that he should report his experience.

He told his story to a Mr. Shipp, an announcer of radio station WSVA, seven days later. Mr. Shipp informed a UFO investigation group from Indiana and a Prof. Ernest Gehman at Eastern Mennonite College in Harrisburg, VA.

Professor Gehman, a Mr. Harry Cook, a Dupont research engineer, and a Mr. Funk, a fellow engineer, along with the Indiana UFO Group conducted an investigation at the site of the supposed landing with a geiger counter, now nine days later.

The geiger counter used by Professor Gehman was a Model 2612 Portable Survey Meter with a Model P15 probe. The counter's ranges are 0.2, 2, and 20 mr/hr coinciding with 600; 6,000; and 60,000 counts per minute full scale with the P15 probe.

The several times radioactive particles were picked up, the range was

set on 0.2, but the needle stayed off the dial even set at 2 or 20 range.

Gehman got "tremendously high readings" of radiation and his findings were verified by Mr. Cook. Gehman "was having a tizzy because the needle was all the way off the dial", said Cook who has had considerable experience with geiger counters in his work. "It was a hot area," Cook said.

Twenty-two days after the encounter, on January 12, 1965 Technical Sergeant David Moody and Staff Sergeant Harold Jones of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (Project Blue Book) arrived to investigate the landing site. In a statement to a Mr. Dallas Kersey, a reporter for the Richmond Times - Dispatch, Sergeant Moody said, "This is an unusual sighting. It's not routine. If it was routine, we wouldn't be here." But the quote in the same newspaper of Sunday, January 17, 1965, states, "There was no evidence that a UFO had been there."

Here is how I came into possession of these papers and articles of this fantastic encounter.

I first heard of this case by radio in early January of 1965. I then read of this encounter in local papers and eventually in world wide UFO magazine articles. But in October of 1989, Mr. Robert Easley, a one-time UFO researcher, turned over to me a package of papers on this subject. It starts with the Universal Research Society of America, which was the UFO organization from Laporte, Indiana doing some of the research in the site of the so-called landing.

In turn the URSA submitted its papers on the sighting, along with other information it had obtained to Professor Charles A. Maney of Defiance, Ohio. At this particular time, Professor Maney was one the board members of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

After Professors Maney's untimely death in 1966, the same researcher, Mr. Easley, also of Defiance, Ohio, obtained these papers from Mrs. Maney, approximately three years after the good Professor's death.

After all these years, the UFO encounter of Horace Burns, along with the actual radiation counts, which I may state were never published, are now finally brought to light. So, when Project Blue Book stated "there was no evidence that a UFO had been there," maybe they were right. Perhaps the object was identified. (See front cover for artist Benita C. Owens' illustration of this case.) Source: The files of Allan J. Manak.

UFO BITS AND PIECES by Allan J. Manak

THE 32nd ANNUAL NATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE: The 32nd annual convention of the National UFO Conference, the longest-running UFO-oriented convention in the world, will be held in Atlanta, Georgia Saturday and Sunday, October 14-15, 1995 at the Castlegate Hotel and Conference Center, I/75 and Howell Mill Road. A full program of top notch speakers in the field, an Awards banquet and panels of experts will be presented. For information write or call: P.O. Box 1764 Decatur, GA 30031, (404) 621-5734.

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JUPITER'S MOON EUROPA HAS OXYGEN ATMOSPHERE: Europa, one of the four large Galilean moons of Jupiter, has a thin atmosphere of molecular oxygen, reports a team of scientists in the February 23, 1995 issue of Nature. The team made their discovery with the Hubble Space Telescope's Goddard High Resolution Spectrograph. The only moons previously known to possess an atmosphere were Io, Titan, and Triton. The oxygen, says team member Doyle Hall of Johns Hopkins University, most likely comes Europa's surface, which has a crust of water ice. Sunlight causes some of this water ice to vaporize into an atmosphere. More oxygen may be released into the atmosphere when Europa's surface is bombarded by charged particles trapped in Jupiter's magnetic field. Solar ultraviolet radiation ultimately breaks the water apart into its constituent hydrogen and oxygen molecules. The lightweight hydrogen escapes into space, and the heavier oxygen stays behind. People thinking there's life on Europa shouldn't get too excited, however. The temperature there is extremely cold by Earth standards - 128 kelvins (-230°F) - and the atmosphere exerts a surface pressure a mere 100 billionth that of Earth. Scientists are now planning to make more detailed observations of Europa and its atmosphere after the Galileo Spacecraft arrives at Jupiter on December 7 this year. At closest approach, Galileo will fly within 600 kilometers of Europa's icy surface. Source: Astronomy Magazine, July 1995.

UFO CONFERENCE: Nearly a dozen UFO researchers and abductees will tell of the latest developments in ufology at the eighth annual international conference on "The UFO Experience" on October 7-8, 1995 at the Holiday Inn in North Haven, CT. Admission is by registration only. The registration fee is \$145 until August 26 and \$175 thereafter. The fee does not include lodging or meals. To register or for further information, write to Omega Communications, P.O.Box 2051, Cheshire, CT 06410-5051. If space allows at conference time, admission will be permitted at \$90 per day.

WHAT WAS IT?: Calcutta, India, May 2, 1953. Five minutes after leaving Dum Dum Airport the Comet jetliner, G-AIYV crashed and burned, killing 43 passengers. While the press blamed it on structural failure, the real facts were hidden. On May 20, the Civil Aviation Ministry reported to U.P. and we quote: "A BOAC jetliner was struck 'in the air by a fairly heavy body' before it crashed and burned early this month. A preliminary investigation did not indicate the failure was due to poor construction or workmanship." Also ruled out was the liner's possible collision with another aircraft or lightning. Later, Jan. 20, 1954, Dr. P.B. Walker, chief of the structure dept. at The Royal Aircraft establishment for Research at Farnborough, said that examination of the starboard and port main planes of the airliner and the tailplane, gave the impression as "if they had all been torn off by a giant!" May we assume that it collided with a U.S. secret weapon? Source: C.R.I.F.O. Newsletter Vol. 1 No. 12.

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COLLECTORS CORNER: The following magazines are one of a kind, unless otherwise specified. These magazines are extremely rare. Each magazine will be mailed in plastic sheets with backing boards for extra protection with the collector in mind. The price includes shipping. Here is this issue's list of rare items:

Gray Barker's Spacecraft News No.2 Fall 1966 - \$2.00. Interplanetary Intelligence Report No.2 July 1965, 20 pages, photos - \$6.00, No.3 Sept. 1965, 24 pages, photo - \$6.00. The Kansas Newsletter No.11 Feb. 1970 - \$3.00. CUFOS Bulletin Summer 1979 - \$2.50. CAPIC Newsletter No.4 Oct. 1968 - \$2.50. International UFO Reporter No.1 Nov. 1976 - \$4.00. UFO Investigator Vol.2 No.8 Mar 1963 - \$4.00. Gray Barker's Newsletter No.5 Mar. 1976 - \$3.00. The Saucer Enigma Mar. 1968 - \$2.50. Ray Palmer's Flying Saucers Magazine No.63 Apr. 1969, photos - \$5.00, No.71 Dec. 1970, photos - \$5.00. This issues science fiction special: Movie Aliens Illustrated Sept. 1979, many photos - \$4.00. FATE magazine specials: No. 220 July 1968, Dr. Oberth looks at UFO's - \$4.00, No. 226 Jan. 1969, scientists speak out on UFO's - \$4.00, No.228 Mar. 1969, John Keel on UFO's - \$4.00, No.229 Apr. 1969, Spanish UFO's - \$4.00, No.264 Mar. 1972 - \$2.50, No.286 Jan. 1974 - \$2.50. Hard back book specials: George Adamski's Flying Saucers Farewell - \$6.00, Donald Keyhoe's Flying Saucers Top Secret - \$6.00 and Gary Kinder's Light Years - \$5.00. Send to UAPA - CC, Box 347032, Cleveland, OH 44134.

AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD by Rick R. Hilberg

OHIOAN ASKS FOR RESEARCH HELP

We recently received the following from Nicholas Reiter of Gibsonburg, and had the pleasure to speak with him several times on the phone as well, and pass this along to those of you readers who may wish to assist him in his project: This notice is being presented as an open call for participation and assistance for a research project to be submitted as a proposal to The Fund For UFO Research. The objective of the project is to acquire data for the purpose of proving a link between UFO abduction experiences and anomalous electro-magnetic fields. We would also seek to understand the form and origin of these fields, if found to exist.

This project is the logical outcome of a series of amateur investigations performed primarily by myself from 1991 through the present. Some of these previous findings have been published in Dr. David Gotlib's Bulletin Of Anomalous Experience (Toronto). Essentially, the following observations have been reported:

1. An unusual sensitivity to strong magnetostatic fields was exhibited by a number of persons who are experiencers of abductions and other unusual personal experiences.
2. In a larger, randomly selected pool of volunteers, approximately 28% exhibited this sensitivity.
3. Follow up interviews showed that individuals prone to the magnetostatic sensitivity also tended to be experiencers of "unusual" events.
4. Several individuals claimed that the sensations experienced in a strong field were identical to those that they recalled as occurring right before or during an alien abduction event.
5. Simple deflection magnetic field detectors distributed to a geographically diverse group of experiencers were found to register undefined magnetic events on a regular basis. Detectors distributed to a control group of non-experiencers remained mostly undeflected.

The next phase of this work will involve the confirmation and definition of these suspected electromagnetic events by use of commercially available, calibrated, high quality instruments.

A system of miniaturized sensors for magnetic fields, electro-static fields, microwave radiation, etc. is to be placed in the home of an abductee volunteer. Signals from these devices will be stored by a miniature data-logger system, for later examination and correlation. All components of this system will be low profile so that they will not interfere with the daily activities of the volunteer.

Currently, the following is being sought:

1. Abductee volunteers from the northern Ohio region who would be interested in placement of a system in their home.
2. Technical assistance for specifying, procuring, and integrating instrumentation with a data-logger and non-interruptable power supply.
3. Other technical services, as offered or requested. Mainly signal conditioning, data interpretation and statistics.

The response toward this and similar solicitations will determine if this project goes before FUFOR for funding consideration. It is my belief that early results have indicated a probable link between electro-magnetic fields and abduction-type events. Now these observations must be confirmed in a rigorous fashion. I cannot easily carry out such a venture by myself.

If response to this is favorable, I believe that we will be able to push the frontiers of knowledge in the area of abduction events to new shores! If no real interest is found to exist among serious local researchers, then I shall probably move on to other pursuits.

Complete copies of my earlier papers are available upon request for review. I can be contacted at the following address: Nick Reiter, 541 W. Stone St., Gibsonburg, Ohio 43431 (419)637-2659 - Evenings.

UFO OR BLIMP IN CALIFORNIA?

In the past year or so we have seen numerous cases where seemingly good UFO cases have been "identified" as advertising blimps. While no doubt some were indeed airships of one sort or another, the fact remains that many of these reported objects did not in any way behave like blimps. The following by staffer Charlie Goodyear of the Fairfield Republic in the paper's February 15th edition, is one such example:

Some people just have to believe.

Following reports in January of an unidentified flying object, officials at Travis Air Force Base declared it a case of mistaken identity, saying the object was actually a blimp advertising tax services.

But not everyone is convinced.

All of the people contacted for this article were adamant that what they saw on two January nights was definitely not a blimp, and not easily explained. All wished to remain anonymous.

"I'm not a believer in UFOs. I never had been. But what I saw made me think twice," said one Fairfield woman who swears she and two teenage daughters experienced a close encounter.

"I was driving home from Benicia on Jan. 20 around 7:30 p.m. after dropping off a friend, and as I headed east on I-680 I noticed something all lit up," she said. "I took the Rio Vista turnoff and noticed it again near the Budweiser plant. At that point I got a little freaked out."

Driving home through Suisun City, she saw the object again near Railroad Ave. and Sunset Blvd. And when she pulled into the driveway of her home off Travis St., the object, brilliantly lit, was floating above the neighborhood.

"At this point I'm talking to myself. I said 'This is something the girls need to see' and I went inside to get my daughters," she said.

The woman's two daughters, 15 and 17, were inside the home. The 15-year-old had thought she heard a shot around the time her mother pulled into the driveway. The teen called 911.

"I had heard a boom and thought it was a gunshot. But my sister had her earphones on and thought it was something else. When my mother came in, I went outside with her and there it was with two bright lights, like headlights on a car," she said.

Mother and daughter followed the object back over to a clearing near Railroad Avenue.

"It didn't make a sound. We rolled down the windows and we didn't hear anything like a plane or a helicopter. And it moved too swiftly for it to be a blimp," the younger daughter said.

When the two returned to the house, the 17-year-old daughter noticed the object following them back.

"I screamed. It looked like it was coming right at us. It was so low and it turned sharply. It was really scary to me," she said.

Two 19-year-old ROTC students had a similar encounter just a few days earlier on Jan. 16.

"We were coming back from Lucky's on East Wigeon Way and we spotted it out near Lawler ranch and Grizzly Island. We both got a little scared. It seemed like it was following us.

"What convinced me it wasn't a blimp is that it moved too agile, too swiftly," one student said.

The teens were significantly impressed and made a drawing of the object and told their ROTC instructor, Col. Daryl Nelson.

Nelson, however, was skeptical and remains so.

"I wouldn't put any credence in what they're saying," he said. "I'm sure they believe what they're saying. But kids at this age get excited by these sort of things. And there was no physical evidence to support their claim."

Still all of the observers insist they know what they saw.

CIGAR-SHAPED OBJECT IN SILVERTON, OREGON

It started at the south end of town, hovering silently about 500 feet above the ground, its lights flickering. For nearly 10 minutes, the cigar-shaped object darted about, heading north; it turned northeast and disappeared.

Then, the phones started ringing.

"The whole town has been calling," said 21-year-old Sarah Doran, who was working for the local police April 3rd when the strange object - a UFO - was sighted about 10 p.m. above this small farming town of 6,500 people. "Calls started coming in about an hour after the sighting."

As of Wednesday night, about 15 calls had been logged. And more reports were coming in as word of the sighting spread.

Callers describe the object as a cigar-shaped flickering light with what appeared to be a balloon floating on top. The noiseless object moved around quickly 500 to 600 feet above the ground for nearly 10 minutes.

Asked whether anything like this has occurred before, Doran quickly said, "Not on my shift."

Police have made a cursory investigation and have no explanation for the object.

"I called flight services; there were no planes in the area," Doran said. "I called the weather service and came up with nothing. It's not

being looked into because who would investigate it?" Source: Salem Statesman Journal April 6, 1995.

PENNSYLVANIA RESEARCHER WANTS INFO ON SHOOTING OF ALIEN

We had the pleasure to meet and chat with Thomas Carey at our National UFO Conference here in Cleveland last September. This fascinating feature appeared in the Levittown Bucks County Times on March 29th under the by-line of Jolyn Resnick:

It was a cold January night in 1978 when several Burlington County residents reported seeing UFOs darting around the sky near the Army's Fort Dix, according to Thomas J. Carey of Lower Moreland.

One of the UFOs "apparently departed from the rest of the group, buzzes a police cruiser, then heads off," Carey explained. "A few minutes later, an alien turned up near Fort Dix, near one of the gates."

According to stories, a sentry at Fort Dix challenged the intruder, and didn't like the answer he got. The answer, Carey said, "was probably nothing." So the sentry shot and wounded the alien intruder.

Later the aliens's body was found on a remote airstrip at McGuire Air Force Base next to Fort Dix, Carey said.

Carey is the director of the Delaware Valley Research Group, an organization dedicated to investigating unexplained phenomena.

The alien's body was flown to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio and placed in the infamous Blue Room, where the bodies of five aliens that crashed in Roswell nearly 50 years ago are thought to be preserved.

An eyewitness to the Fort Dix-McGuire incident allegedly told Carey and his fellow researcher, retired Air Force Major George Filer, that the alien's skin was "like reptilian, glistening."

But as the body was at least 50 feet from the witness and it was dark, no features were seen.

Filer was the deputy director of intelligence at the base then.

"The story I was told was that an alien was shot. I was surprised I didn't see the body or person involved," Filer said. "Security was handling it. And, they chose only to tell me in general terms that something had happened."

And, a photographer at the base allegedly told Filer he "has something really hot - something you'll want to see." However, the commanding officer wouldn't let Filer see the photograph.

"We don't know for certain if it's true," he said. "But, I have reason to believe something did happen...Somebody could have shot a deer."

"We have no aliens, never have, and hopefully never will," exclaimed 1st Lt. Jim McAndrew, who works at the Office of the Sec. of the Air Force.

Carey, however, maintains that the Air Force has kept secret information on Roswell, Ft. Dix and other encounters with aliens.

But, he also focuses on other aspects. Besides investigating the Fort Dix-McGuire incident, he is investigating a recent rash of UFO sightings along the Delaware River in Philadelphia.

"We averaged about three sightings a year in the Delaware Valley area," he said. "But, since last November, we've had 80 phone calls. The current wave of sightings is along I-95 on the Delaware River, around Bridge Street, as you head toward the city."

"One of the best in the current wave is from a police officer who saw a classic flying disc in daylight," he said.

Most sightings, however, are from dusk to evening. A good number are near high tension wires.